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ALSO PRESENT:

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Mr. Ben Piscitelli,
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Franklin County Board of Elections

Ms. Renee Klco,
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Franklin County Board of Elections

Ms. Carla Patton,
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Bob Rice, Sprint

Ms. Vonda Dilley, Sprint

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All right. We'll go ahead and call the meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections to order. I'll go ahead and do the roll.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Zachary Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And we did get word earlier today that Member Colley was not going to be able to be with us, so we will go ahead and move forward.

The first item on our agenda was approval of the minutes of the June 4th meeting of the Board. Do I have a motion for that?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move the Board approve the minutes of the June 4th, 2012, meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections as submitted.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
2 second?

3 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
5 favor, signify by saying aye.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes, so
8 I'll pass that around to you, Mr. Chairman.

9 The next item on our agenda is we do have
10 a voter registration challenge that was submitted to
11 us. Renee Klco, our Voter Services Manager, is here
12 and will give you an update on that for your
13 decision.

14 MS. KLCO: Michael Gebre, G-e-b-r-e, his
15 right to vote is being challenged by Melinda Doan.
16 She resides at 4196 East Mound Street. The
17 registration that we got came in over-the-counter
18 here in the office. It's a brand new registration.
19 He's not registered anyplace else in Ohio.

20 According to the Auditor's website,
21 Dennis and Melinda Doan do own this house. It's a
22 single-family dwelling and nobody else lives there
23 but them. I recommend that we cancel this
24 registration.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do any of the
2 members have any questions of Renee while we have her
3 here?

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: It's Michael
5 Sibhat Gebre? Is that the name?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Michael Sibhat
7 Gebre, it looks like, yes.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's an interesting
9 name.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Any questions?
11 Do we have a motion?

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
13 move that the Board grant the Challenge of Right to
14 Vote and Correction of Registration List filed by
15 Melinda Doan of 4196 East Mound Street, Columbus,
16 Ohio, against Michael Sibhat Gebre, purportedly of
17 4196 East Mound Street in Columbus, Ohio, and order
18 that Michael Sibhat Gebre's registration be
19 immediately cancelled in Franklin County.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do we have a
21 second on that?

22 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
24 favor, say aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The ayes have it.

3 The next item on our agenda that we
4 didn't realize until after our last meeting, but we
5 figured we had time today, was the office will be
6 closed on this Wednesday, July 4th, so we did want to
7 officially have the Board recognize that in an open
8 session that we would be closed on July 4th, this
9 Wednesday, and that there would be no early voting
10 here at the Board of Elections office on that day.
11 So do I have a motion for officially closing shop on
12 July 4th?

13 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
14 move that the Franklin County Board of Elections
15 close Wednesday, July 4th, for the observance of
16 Independence Day, and that no early voting for the
17 August 7th Special Election take place on that day.

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I have a second.
20 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

23 The next item is voting machine
24 allocation for the August Special Election. As you

1 know, we do have a Special Election on August 7th in
2 the Groveport-Madison School District. There are 29
3 precincts, is that correct, Karen?

4 MS. COTTON: 29 precincts at 19
5 locations.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: 29 precincts open
7 at 19 voting locations. In your packets there is an
8 Exhibit B that does have the voting machine
9 allocation that we have put together for the August
10 Special Election. Any questions from the Board on
11 that allocation?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: None from me.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do we have a
14 motion to adopt this allocation plan for the Special
15 Election in August?

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
17 move that the Board adopt the voting machine
18 allocation plan developed by the staff in Exhibit B
19 for the August 7th Special Election taking place in
20 the Groveport-Madison School District.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
22 second?

23 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in

1 favor, say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

6 The next -- the next two items we need to
7 replace a couple of candidates on the November
8 General Election ballot. The first one is in the
9 25th Ohio House District. There was a vacancy there
10 on -- for the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party
11 did file with us a replacement candidate by the name
12 of Kevin Boyce. I'd ask for a motion to approve
13 putting Mr. Boyce on the ballot.

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
15 move that the Board accept the appointment of Kevin
16 Boyce as the Democratic Party candidate in the
17 25th Ohio House District and that Mr. Boyce's name
18 shall appear as the Democratic Party candidate for
19 the 25th Ohio House District on the November 6th
20 General Election ballot.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
22 second?

23 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in

1 favor?

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

4 The second candidate is in the 17th Ohio
5 House District here in Franklin County. We had a
6 withdrawal there and the Franklin County Republican
7 Party made a replacement to place Nicholas Szabo on
8 the ballot in that race. Do I have a motion to place
9 Mr. Szabo on the ballot?

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
11 move the Board accept the nomination -- the
12 appointment of Nicholas Szabo as the Republican Party
13 candidate in the 17th House District and that
14 Mr. Szabo's name shall appear as the Republican Party
15 Candidate for the 17th Ohio House District on the
16 November 6th General Election Ballot.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
18 second?

19 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
21 favor, signify by saying aye.

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

24 Okay. Now, for the August 7th Special,

1 we have a unique situation with three voters in the
2 Groveport-Madison School District. I'd ask Karen
3 Cotton, our Elections Operation Manager, to come
4 forward for a moment and brief the Board on this
5 unique situation with these voters.

6 MS. COTTON: In this particular precinct
7 only, a portion of the precinct is in the
8 Groveport-Madison Local School District. This was
9 also noted on your exhibit on your machine
10 assignments where we were planning to assign those
11 voters.

12 The precinct is Ward 86, Precinct A. And
13 per the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3503.01, paragraph
14 (B), when only a portion of the precinct is involved
15 within the boundaries of a school district for a
16 special election, the Board is permitted to assign
17 those voters for a temporary assignment to an
18 adjacent precinct as long as we provide them notice
19 at least 10 days prior to the election.

20 So we're requesting that instead of them
21 voting at their home precinct which is Dayspring
22 Community Church, we're asking that they be assigned
23 for this election only to World Harvest Church at
24 4595 Gender Road. World Harvest is another precinct

1 open that has several of its assigned precincts open
2 for this election.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Does the Board
4 have any questions for Karen on this?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And we will notify
6 them in the mail?

7 MS. COTTON: We'll notify them by mail
8 that they've been temporarily assigned for this
9 election only and it says specifically in the letter.
10 We also include an absentee ballot request form that
11 gives them the option of requesting an absentee if
12 they don't want to go to the polling place if it's
13 inconvenient for them to drive to the location. I've
14 checked with the warehouse and this is the most
15 convenient of the locations that are open for these
16 individuals.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Fine.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
19 motion to accept that?

20 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move that the Board temporarily relocate the three
22 voters who normally vote at Dayspring Community
23 Church located at 3919 Brice Road, but are eligible
24 to vote in the August 7th Special Election in the

1 Groveport-Madison School District to World Harvest
2 Church located at 4595 Gender Road for this election
3 only.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
5 second on that?

6 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
8 favor, signify by saying aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We will take care
11 of notifying those voters.

12 The next item on the agenda, we'll have
13 Karen just stay up there. As you know, we're
14 required in the Ohio Revised Code to limit the size
15 of precincts, and no precinct is allowed to be up
16 over 1,400 voters in that precinct, and we do have
17 two precincts that are nearing that threshold that we
18 have gone about splitting those precincts so that
19 they are now within the guidelines of the code.
20 Karen will talk to you for just a moment about that
21 too.

22 You do have in your packets two maps,
23 Exhibit D and Exhibit E, that do explain these two
24 situations and show the new boundaries that we're

1 proposing.

2 MS. COTTON: And Ward 72, Precinct E, we
3 have a precinct that is currently listed as having
4 1,560 voters. That's all voters not just active
5 voters. We have 1,334 active voters. But we felt
6 that with the pending increase in voter registration
7 at this General Election that it was to our advantage
8 to go ahead and split this precinct now.

9 So we're proposing that we split the
10 precinct along I-270 and make one precinct north of
11 I-270 and one precinct south of I-270. The one that
12 would be north of I-270 would have 876 total voters.
13 The one south of I-270 would have 684 voters. We
14 would create a new precinct there of Ward 72,
15 Precinct G.

16 The second precinct that is growing quite
17 a bit is in the area of Grove City out around
18 Pinnacle Golf Course and Buckeye Parkway; a lot of
19 development out in that area. The current
20 registration figures are 1,526 total voters; 1,357
21 are active.

22 We're proposing using census boundary
23 lines to break the precinct using Buckeye Parkway and
24 several of the streets through the Creekside

1 subdivision, making it 3B precinct with the remainder
2 of 879 voters, and the 3H precinct, the new precinct,
3 as 647 voters. Pinnacle Golf Course is the area that
4 we expect the most growth in that area.

5 In both of these instances most likely we
6 will create, say if they are currently a LID 3,
7 meaning there are three precincts in the location,
8 the addition of another precinct, these folks who
9 already have been voting at the existing polling
10 place we would simply change the name of the LID to a
11 LID 4 or a LID 5 to accommodate the extra precinct
12 that would be assigned to that location.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: As Karen said,
14 these do conform with census geography, so they are
15 okay by Ohio law and requirements that precinct
16 boundaries do match census geography. Any questions
17 for Karen on these?

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many precincts do
19 we have all together?

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Excuse me?

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many precincts
22 does that get us to?

23 MS. COTTON: 802.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: 802, yeah.

1 MS. COTTON: We're currently at 800.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
4 move that the Board approve the precinct split in the
5 manner recommended by the Board staff in Exhibits D
6 and E for Columbus, Ward 72, Precinct E, and Grove
7 City, Ward 3, Precinct B.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
9 second on that?

10 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
12 favor, say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.
15 Thank you, Karen.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We'll see her
18 again in a minute. I should have put these in a
19 different order.

20 The next item on the agenda, as you all
21 know, we do cell phones out to all of our voting
22 locations in the county, and those phones are now
23 four or five years old and are showing wear and tear,
24 and with technology upgrades, et cetera, we do have

1 some coverage area problems with the current phones
2 that we have.

3 So we have talked with Sprint who is our
4 current provider on this, also a provider -- county
5 provider of cell technology.

6 And do we have somebody here from Sprint
7 today? If you would come forward. We do have a
8 representative from Sprint today. You do have, in
9 your packets, a proposal that was put together by the
10 folks at Sprint to help us replace -- to help us
11 replace the phones we currently have.

12 MR. RICE: Yes.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Welcome. If
14 you'd identify yourselves for the members of the
15 Board, that would be great.

16 MR. RICE: My name is Bob Rice. I'm the
17 account manager to the Franklin County Board. For
18 the better part of five or six years we've been your
19 provider. Vonda Dilley, my colleague, is the account
20 executive dealing with the elections board. She put
21 the proposal together.

22 We got called about a week ago and they
23 had mentioned that there's more of a defined need for
24 texting. This particular phone that they've selected

1 will help them deal with the texting. There's a
2 keyboard on the device. It's a very simple phone to
3 use. We think it will be suited to the population
4 that tends to do the volunteer work at the precincts.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: One of the
6 things, as you all probably know, we have an
7 automated phone system here at the Board of Elections
8 that we can use to send out, you know, blast voice
9 mails to the polling locations if we need to on
10 Election Day.

11 We felt that also having the capability
12 of doing a follow-up text message of some sort, too,
13 would be beneficial to us. Just the more ways we can
14 potentially get in touch with our voting location
15 managers we felt all the better. And with needing to
16 do an upgrade of our technology anyways, we did ask
17 the folks from Sprint to provide us with the ability
18 to do, you know, blast text messages out, et cetera,
19 if we need to also.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So who gets -- who
21 works with the phone on Election Day?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We provide one
23 for each voting location. The voting location
24 manager gets it. We then communicate with them via

1 this office or out at the warehouse. We got some
2 additional phones in here for our warehouse staff and
3 the folks that are on the phone all day on Election
4 Day that could communicate with the polling locations
5 if we need to.

6 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Did we get any
7 credit for all the phones turned in?

8 MR. RICE: As a matter of fact --

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I think you
10 wanted to talk a little bit about that.

11 MR. RICE: We actually have an
12 alternative deployment of those devices. In fact,
13 we'd like to keep them in the same location. There
14 are other activities going on dealing with emergency
15 response activities for the county.

16 With the Sheriff's office being right
17 across the street from the warehouse where these
18 particular phones are located, the Board of Elections
19 has offered to keep them under lock and key in the
20 event that there might be a need for those devices.

21 Keep in mind, all devices, the new
22 devices that you're acquiring and the devices we'd
23 like to have on hand in a cache to use in an
24 emergency circumstance, none of these are being

1 billed to the county unless usage occurs.

2 It's a very unique type of a solution
3 that Sprint is offering only to Franklin County, but
4 it's been in place for six years and we'd like to
5 continue to keep it the same way and it seems
6 suitable to the staff.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We only pay for
8 time that we use. We don't have a monthly service
9 contract or anything like that that we pay on a
10 regular basis. We only pay for any usage time that
11 we actually are using the phones which is a --

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Did you say we
13 had coverage problems?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: With some of the
15 old ones. But we've worked with Sprint, we've
16 actually done some testing out at some of the
17 locations that we had problems with in the past to
18 ensure --

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: A new phone will
20 help the coverage?

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yes, with the
22 coverage area, yes.

23 I don't know if you want to talk a little
24 bit about that.

1 MR. RICE: So we have data booster
2 technology that can be held at the elections
3 warehouse. These things can be deployed a day or two
4 in advance of the actual event. It will create
5 coverage in those areas on a temporary basis, so it's
6 a good solution for the temporary need.

7 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: That's great.

8 MR. RICE: And, again, those are being
9 provided by Sprint at no cost.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Any other
11 questions from the members of the Board? If not, do
12 I have a motion to approve the pricing set here on
13 page 6 of their proposal?

14 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
15 move that the Board authorize the Director and Deputy
16 Director to enter into a service contract with Sprint
17 in the amount of \$30,033.60 for the purchase of new
18 cell phones to be used at polling locations on
19 Election Day.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
21 second for that?

22 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
24 favor, say aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

3 Thank you very much for being here. We
4 appreciate it.

5 Now we'll go ahead and bring Karen back
6 up again. As I said, I kind of put these in the
7 wrong order here. Now we got her up and we can keep
8 her up for the rest of the meeting.

9 Per directive of the Secretary of State's
10 office we are required to do a new provisional ballot
11 envelope this year in an effort to bring uniformity
12 throughout the State. The Secretary of State's
13 office has developed a new provisional ballot
14 envelope.

15 We were able to use some remaining
16 supplies that we had on our -- the provisional ballot
17 we have been using through the primary, but now it is
18 required for us to move to this new provisional
19 ballot envelope for the General Election.

20 And Karen put out a bid for that for
21 providing us a new provisional ballot envelope, so
22 I'll let Karen discuss what we did and what our
23 recommendation is.

24 MS. COTTON: First off, we evaluated what

1 our needs were going to be for provisional ballot
2 envelopes and we estimated that we needed 100,000 of
3 the yellow provisional envelope to be prepared for
4 this November's election, and also 25,000 of the blue
5 provisional envelope, being one press change
6 difference on the blue one inasmuch as it has a
7 unique sequence number on it to use for the ADA
8 provisional.

9 Given the amount that we paid for the
10 provisional envelopes in past elections, we expected
11 this charge for the provisional envelopes to be in
12 excess of \$30,000. So we put together a bid. We
13 sent it to three printers. The three printers were
14 Dayton Legal Blank, West-Camp Printing, and Haman
15 Midwest.

16 We received a bid back from Dayton Legal
17 Blank with the bid bond as required in the amount of
18 \$14,390. We received a quotation from Haman Midwest
19 for \$11,745; however, there was no bid bond included
20 in that response. And West-Camp printing contacted
21 me via e-mail and said that they were not going to be
22 bidding the project since they had not been able to
23 secure a bid bond.

24 So the recommendation is that we award

1 the bid to Dayton Legal Blank in the amount of
2 \$14,390 for 125,000 provisional ballot envelopes for
3 the General Election. We will also be using those
4 envelopes for the August Special Election.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Any questions?

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Karen, remind me,
7 again, the difference between the ADA and the blue
8 and yellow?

9 MS. COTTON: The yellow one, they get a
10 paper ballot and they put the voted ballot in the
11 yellow envelope. The ADA provisional is someone who
12 is unable to cast their ballot on paper, either
13 through manual dexterity or other problems, and they
14 vote through their ballot on the voting machine, but
15 it's coded. We use the unique code that is printed
16 on the envelope to code the ballot which holds that
17 ballot in suspension that has to be released then
18 after the Election once the validity of the
19 provisional envelope has been determined, so we have
20 many fewer of those ADAs.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Any other
22 questions?

23 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
24 move that the Board authorize the Director and Deputy

1 Director to enter into a service contract with Dayton
2 Legal Blank in the amount of \$14,390 for the purchase
3 of provisional ballot envelopes.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
5 second on that?

6 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
8 favor, say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

11 Now we have Karen up here to stay with us
12 a moment.

13 MS. COTTON: I'm going to ask Carla to
14 bring some books up to show you. We have the VOTR
15 Books which we provide all the supplies to the
16 precinct election officials. We have some paperwork
17 that's included in that book. We have the PEBs that
18 we put into the book that the polling officials will
19 use to open the polls, close the polls, activate the
20 machine throughout the day. At the end of the day
21 when they remove the flash memory from the voting
22 machine, that goes in that book also, as well as the
23 paper tapes.

24 And what we were finding, we have 483 of

1 these coming in on any given election, and we're
2 handling those and different people are handling them
3 and what we have experienced recently is a lot of
4 destruction and just wear and tear on the books that
5 are causing them to fall apart and we're losing track
6 of things, not to the point that we've not been able
7 to find them, but we're just not happy with the
8 security there. So we are going to have to replace
9 several components of those books if we don't replace
10 them.

11 So we went and visited a few of the other
12 counties in the state that use the same voting system
13 we do, and we found a company in Bellville, Ohio that
14 does some custom work and we basically told them what
15 we wanted to do with it and they designed this book
16 for us, and what it allows us to do, instead of the
17 looseleaf binders, it allows us a place to put PEBs.

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh, my gosh.

19 MS. COTTON: So if we have a precinct
20 that has four PEBs, we would put spacers in here.
21 We're proposing that we eliminate the one side for
22 the smaller LIDs, so they would just make a cover for
23 this. We could still have our paper tapes in a
24 compartment. We could still use our flash memories

1 here and have the ring binder to put whatever
2 documents that we wanted here.

3 On these here, if we had, say, a precinct
4 that had 10 flashes because they had 10 machines, we
5 could put something in the other so that once they
6 open this book on election night they could see very,
7 very quickly that every space is filled either with a
8 flash or a piece of paper that says this is blank
9 intentionally.

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: That's nice.

11 MS. COTTON: So the proposal you have
12 before you -- I would love to get everything which
13 would cost about \$40,000 for the whole county, but we
14 can live with a partial installment of these for the
15 cost of about \$21,000, with the expectation to finish
16 out the county, early next year, with another
17 purchase of about \$19,000.

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Those will last
19 a long time too.

20 MS. COTTON: Yes. They're very durable.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: This company has
22 worked with a couple other Boards of Elections
23 throughout the state, Delaware County.

24 MS. PATTON: Delaware County.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And Richland, I
2 believe.

3 MS. PATTON: Richland County as well.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The feedback we
5 have got from those counties has been very positive
6 on the quality with this company. We think this is a
7 very useful, good, expenditure for our purposes and
8 our specific equipment.

9 MS. COTTON: I think it looks very
10 professional.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: It looks very
12 professional. It's very organized.

13 MS. COTTON: I think the security --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It looks sturdy.

15 MS. COTTON: We could have locks put on
16 them if we wanted them put on there.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Where would you have
18 the -- oh, I see, you've got the same identification.

19 MS. COTTON: The little tab would make it
20 easy for us to pull the things off the shelf; it
21 gives us something to hold. This gives some
22 stability.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why are we breaking it
24 into two --

1 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: That was going to
2 be my next question.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why are you suggesting
4 we only do half?

5 MS. COTTON: The cost is \$40,000. I
6 would love to do the whole thing, but I don't know
7 whether that's something that's palatable to the
8 Board. So if it's not, option two is to go with a
9 partial installment now and everything else after the
10 first of the year.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Our concern at
12 this point is just keeping within the budget that has
13 been set forth for us this year with what's still
14 facing us between now and the Election, and we still
15 do have a number of the other folders that are still
16 okay. We definitely want to upgrade to this option
17 at some point next year, but at this point we thought
18 the most prudent thing financially and budget-wise
19 was to do half this year and half next year.

20 MS. COTTON: It's just a little more than
21 half now. It would be, like, 21,000 now and 19,000
22 at the beginning of the year.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do they know you're
24 likely to go back to them so they're giving the best

1 deal possible on the whole?

2 MS. COTTON: Yes.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We did discuss
4 that with them.

5 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Do we feel
6 comfortable with next year's budget? Have we already
7 started work on that?

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have just
9 begun working on that, but we will definitely --

10 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Because I know
11 it's a lot smaller in that off year.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- include in
13 there the means by which to do this.

14 MS. COTTON: And it might be one of those
15 things where we can reassess after the General
16 Election at the end of November, first of December,
17 before the books actually close, of getting the
18 additional ones ordered.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah, you may, from
20 practical experience, have suggestions to make after
21 putting this through its paces.

22 MS. COTTON: This looks like a very good
23 remedy for what we're experiencing. It's a lot more
24 professional. There's a lot more security in place.

1 I see that by putting the spacers in there, we're not
2 missing a PEB or a flash. Someone's going to look
3 and they're going to say, hey, they're blank, who's
4 got the PEB, what apron is it in. We're not going to
5 be looking for those devices three weeks after the
6 election when they're finally coming in from the
7 commercial hauler.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Great.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Any other
10 questions?

11 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
12 move that the Board authorize the Director and Deputy
13 Director to enter into a service contract with TLC
14 Kanvas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 for
15 the purchase of 300 new VOTR Books to be used at
16 voting locations on Election Day.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do I have a
18 second?

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
21 favor, say aye.

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Motion passes.

24 Thank you, Karen.

1 The last item on our agenda today is we
2 had a -- we have a staff resignation. Karen White,
3 last week, submitted her resignation to the Board.
4 She's going to be moving down to sunny Florida where
5 it's probably been cooler than it's been here for the
6 last couple of weeks. Her final day will be
7 July 6th and just want to put on the agenda to accept
8 her resignation.

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move the Board accept the resignation of Karen White
11 effective July 6th, 2012, and thank Karen for her
12 service to our office and the citizens of Franklin
13 County.

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
16 favor, say aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And we will miss
19 Karen. She's been a good employee for us. We wish
20 her very, very well in sunny Florida.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: She'll be
22 babysitting.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I figured there
24 was some other motive involved in it.

1 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: And I would say,
2 you know, I've had staff say to me, after they
3 learned about it, that she really has been a great
4 addition to the office.

5 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah.

6 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: She will be
7 missed.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: She has been a
9 very good employee. We wish her well. We'll miss
10 her. We'll get to work on filling her position as
11 quickly as we can.

12 Anything else from the members of the
13 Board today?

14 That's it. I ask for a motion to
15 adjourn.

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I motion that we
17 adjourn.

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
20 favor, say aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We are adjourned.

23 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at
24 3:44 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Monday, July 2, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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